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SUBJECT: US ABSTAINS ON IBRD LOAN TO PHILIPPINES

REF: 77 STATE 284732

JOINT STATE/TREASURY MESSAGE:

1. AFTER CAREFUL DELIBERATION, US WILL ABSTAIN ON A
\$15 MILLION LOAN TO THE PHILIPPINE INVESTMENT SYSTEMS
ORGANIZATION(PISO) AT THE WORLD BANK BOARD MEETING
APRIL 27. DECISION IS BASED ON THE RECENT DETERIORATION
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IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

2. ACTION: EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM APPROPRIATE GOP OFFI-
CIALS BUT SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT NEITHER STATE NOR TREASURY
INTEND TO PUBLICIZE THIS ACTION. (TREASURY ASST. SECY.
BERGSTEN, CURRENTLY ATTENDING ADB ANNUAL MEETING IN
VIENNA, HAS BEEN BRIEFED ON THIS DECISION AND MAY POSSIBLY

DISCUSS IT WITH GOP FINANCE SECRETARY VIRATA WHO ALSO
IS THERE.)

3. PRESS GUIDANCE: ALTHOUGH WE HOPE TO AVOID PUBLIC
COMMENT AT THIS TIME, IF DECISION IS PUBLICIZED AND QUERIES

ARE RECEIVED EMBASSY SHOULD REPLY ALONG LINES GIVEN
REFTEL: "AS ONE ELEMENT OF THE OVERALL HUMAN RIGHTS
POLICY OF THE ADMINISTRATION, AND REFLECTING THE INTENT
OF THE US CONGRESS AS EXPRESSED IN PUBLIC LAW 95-118,
THE USG TAKES INTO ACCOUNT HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS IN
DETERMINING ITS POSITION ON PROPOSALS FOR LOANS AND
OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE. THE USG HAS INFORMED THE GOP
THAT ITS ABSTENTION ON A PROPOSED \$15 MILLION IBRD LOAN
FOR PISO WAS RELATED TO SUCH CONCERNS. THE USG, FROM
TIME TO TIME, HAS TAKEN SIMILAR ACTION WITH RESPECT TO
VOTES ON IFI LOANS TO OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE THE HUMAN
RIGHTS SITUATION IS A MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE US AND
WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE." VANCE

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